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protecting from situations where the technology is not available, in which case they don't have to provide computer file. But otherwise, generally speaking, with no textbooks, they would provide the computer file and that would facilitate the fashioning of the braille version of the textbook in much faster time, which has the value of additionally getting the books, or the textbooks to the visually blind student more quickly. That's what the bill does, and I hope you find it agreeable. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Doctor of the day introduced.) You've heard the opening on AM3725 by Senator Beutler to LB 647. Open for discussion. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. support Senator Beutler on this amendment. This was a bill that came to the Education Committee, as he mentioned, was advanced without opposition. I think the committee amendment, and I don't have that in front of me, I'm apol... I apologize for that, the original bill called for a publisher to provide this information, which we, as a committee, considered to be a problem because you might be dealing with an out-of-state company and so on. So that was changed to, in effect, require the school district in the state to include this provision in the contract, as they made the contract with the book publisher. Again, I think it...we didn't really hear any opposition at all I think it's a solid idea, and I would support the to this. amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Any further discussion on AM3725 by Senator Beutler? Seeing no other lights on, Senator Beutler did you wish to...Senator Beutler waives his opportunity to close. The question before the body is the adoption of AM3725 by Senator Beutler to LB 647. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the Beutler amendment to LB 647. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.